

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 19-21.

In the sheet including Fig. 19, which replaces the original sheet including Fig. 19, the lowermost four numerals 70, numeral 71 and two numerals 72 have been changed to numerals 74, 75 and 76, respectively.

In the sheet including Fig. 20, which replaces the original sheet including Fig. 20, the numeral 71 has been changed to numeral 75, and the box 79 has been labeled as PLANT CONVEYOR CLEANING MEANS.

In the sheet including Fig. 21, which replaces the original sheet including Fig. 21, the boxes 401 and 402 have been labeled as CONTROLLER and DRIVE MEANS, respectively.

Attachment: Three Replacement Sheets

Three Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

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Claims 54-90 are now in this application, and are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Claims 54-90 have been drafted in order to provide proper antecedent basis, to positively recite the various elements, limitations and method steps, to delete all "means" terminology, and to delete all multiple dependencies.

Since the claims were amended under Article 19 in the International Stage to include claims 1-53, the new claims start numbering from claim 54.

The specification has also been amended to correct various errors.

The Abstract has been amended to remove legal phraseology.

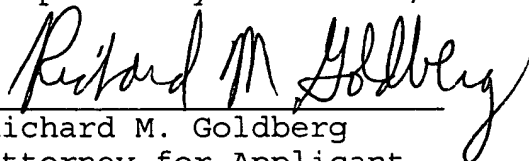
In addition, Figs. 19-21 have been amended. Also enclosed are three REPLACEMENT SHEETS and three ANNOTATED SHEETS SHOWING CHANGES.

Please charge any additional fees incurred by this Preliminary Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1524.

It is hoped that this Preliminary Amendment will facilitate

an examination of the application on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard M. Goldberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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